

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STRASB 00067 211856Z

63

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15 /067 W

----- 107960

R 211745Z APR 75

FM AMCONSUL STRASBOURG

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0790

INFO AMEMBASSY VIENNA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY OSLO

UNCLAS STRASBOURG 67

E.O.11652: N/A

TAGS: COE, PORG

SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF EUROPE - AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST KARL CZERNETZ
ELECTED ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

1. KARL CZERNETZ, AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY, WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY APRIL 21, 1975. WITH FRG SOCIALIST KAHN-ACKERMANN ELECTED LAST FALL AS COUNCIL S SECRETARY GENERAL, CZERNETZ S VICTORY PUTS SOCIALISTS IN TWO KEY POSITIONS AND MAY PORTEND SOME SLIGHT SHIFT IN COUNCIL S APPROACH TO EUROPEAN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. CZERNETZ, WHO SUCCEEDS ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT GUISEPPE VEDOVATO, WAS UNOPPOSED. THIS CAME AS A LAST MINUTE SURPRISE TO MOST OBSERVERS AS SEVERAL OTHER CONTENDERS WERE EXPECTED. AMONG THEM WERE JOHN MENDELSON AND RAY FLETCHER, BOTH BRITISH LABOR PARTY, AND MRS. LIV AASEN, NORWEGIAN LABOR PARTY. TERM OF ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT IS FOR ONE YEAR, COVERING THREE SESSIONS, BUT BY TRADITION, A PRESIDENT IS REELECTED TWICE AND SERVES A TOTAL OF THREE YEARS.

2. CZERNETZ, 65, STUDIED COMMERCIAL ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY IN VIENNA BEFORE WWII. IN 1937 HE WAS ARRESTED, AND FROM 1938 TO 1945 WAS A REFUGEE IN PARIS AND UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STRASB 00067 211856Z

LONDON. AFTER 1945 HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE BUREAU OF THE

AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY, BECAME THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY AND SECRETARY OF THE PARTY'S EDUCATIONAL CENTER. HE IS THE CHIEF EDITOR OF THE AUSTRIAN BIWEEKLY REVIEW, DIE ZUKUNFT (THE FUTURE). SINCE 1949 HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT AND IS CHAIRMAN OF ITS COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE WAS AN AUSTRIAN OBSERVER FROM 1952, AND THEN IN 1956, WHEN AUSTRIA JOINED THE COUNCIL, HE BECAME A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL'S ASSEMBLY, SERVING AS A VICE PRESIDENT IN 1959, 1960, 1963, AND 1972. HE WAS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS FROM 1959 TO MAY 1974, WHEN HE TOOK OVER AS CHAIRMAN OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

3. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, CZERNETZ HAS TRIED WITH SOME LIMITED SUCCESS TO GIVE THE COUNCIL A ROLE IN SETTLING THE CYPRUS DISPUTE. AN ENERGETIC AND AFFABLE PERSON, HE IS GENERALLY WELL-REGARDED BY BOTH PARLIAMENTARIANS AND GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES HERE.ROMINE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ELECTIONS, POLITICAL PARTIES, PARTY LEADERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 APR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STRASB00067
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750139-0998
From: STRASBOURG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750430/aaaabcpo.tel
Line Count: 79
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 02 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02 JUL 2003 by SilvaL0>; APPROVED <02 FEB 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: COUNCIL OF EUROPE - AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST KARL CZERNETZ ELECTED ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT
TAGS: PORG, PGOV, COE, (CZERNETZ, KARL)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006